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SUBJECT: CSCE - UK "EXPLANATORY" PAPER ON CBM'S

REF: A) STATE 127748 B) USNATO 3086

SUMMARY: AT SENIOR POLADS MEETING JUNE 28, U.S. REP ASKED
ON PERSONAL BASIS THAT PARA 6 AND 7 OF UK "EXPLAN-
ATORY" PAPER ON CBM'S BE REVISED TO ELIMINATE REFERENCES
TO DEFINITIONS, ONE DIVISION CUT-OFF, AND TYPES OF INFO-
RMATION TO BE PROVIDED. ON BASIS REF A, U.S. DELOFF
REITERATED THESE POINTS PRIVATELY WITH UK DELOFF JUNE 29.
WE BELIEVE UK WILL MAKE MOST, IF NOT ALL, CHANGES WE
DESIRE. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD APPRECIATE
GUIDANCE REQUESTED USNATO 1899 FOR FURTHER ALLIED CSCE
CONSULTATIONS WHICH WILL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY AFTER FIRST
STAGE. END SUMMARY.

1. AT JUNE 28 SPC MEETING, U.S. REP, SPEAKING ON PERSONAL
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BASIS, ASKED THAT UK /EXPLANATORY" PAPER ON CBM'S BE REVISED

BY DROPPING REFERENCES IN PARA 6 AND 7 TO DEFINITIONS, ONE-DIVISION CUT-OFF, AND TYPES OF INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED. U.S. REP RECALLED OUR POSITION THAT THESE PROBLEMS SHOULD BE RESOLVED THROUGH EXCHANGE OF ILLUSTRATIVE LISTS AT SECOND STAGE. UK REP WAS SYMPATHETIC TO U.S. PROPOSALS, BUT HE ALSO ARGUED THAT AT SOME POINT ALLIES AND WARSAW PACT STATES WILL HAVE TO GO BEYOND EXCHANGE OF ILLUSTRATIVE LISTS AND AGREE ON CRITERIA FOR NOTIFICATION OF MANEUVERS/MOVEMENTS. U.S. REP SUGGESTED THAT PROPOSAL TO THAT EFFECT SHOULD BE HELD IN RESERVE PENDING FURTHER ALLIED CONSULTATIONS.

2. ONLY OTHER INTERVENTIONS ON UK CBM PAPER AT JUNE 28 MEETING WERE BY FRG AND FRENCH REPS. FRG REP SAID BONN BELIEVED DISTINCTION BETWEEN CBM'S AND MBFR CONSTRAINTS SHOULD BE MADE MORE EXPLICIT AND THAT PAPER SHOULD AVOID TREATING MOVEMENTS IN ANY DIFFERENT MANNER FROM MANEUVERS. FRENCH REP SAID HE FOUND EXPRESSIONS "MORALLY BINDING" IN PARA 8 A BIT STRONG.

3. FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF REFA, U.S. DEL OFF CONSULTED PRIVATELY WITH UK DELOFF (SCHEDULED JUNE 29 SPC MEETING HAVING BEEN CANCELLED). U.S. DELOFF STRESSED THAT WASHINGTON HAD STRONGLY SUPPORTED REMARKS HE HAD MADE AT MEETING PREVIOUS DAY AND ASKED THAT PARAS SIX AND SEVEN BE REVISED PER REF A. UK DELOFF SAID HE WOULD REPORT U.S. PROPOSALS TO LONDON WITH POSITIVE RECOMMENDATION, WITH EXCEPTION OF REQUEST THAT LAST SENTENCE OF PARA SIX (ON TYPES OF INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED) BE DROPPED. HE SAID THAT PAPER WOULD BE USELESS WITHOUT THAT SENTENCE, A POINT ON WHICH U.S. REP DISAGREED.

4. COMMENT: WE FEEL CONFIDENT THAT LONDON WILL AGREE TO CHANGES WE REQUESTED, WITH POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF LAST SENTENCE PARA SIX, WHICH AS WASHINGTON WILL RECALL, WAS ADDED TO POLADS PAPER ON ILLUSTRATIVE LISTS AT UK REQUEST. USDEL CSCE MIGHT WISH TO DISCUSS SUBJECT FURTHER WITH FALL. MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING GUIDANCE REQUESTED USNATO 1899, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW FACT THAT ALLIES PLAN TO BEGIN INTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS ON SECOND STAGE IMMEDIATELY AFTER

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FIRST STAGE AND IMPORTANT DECISIONS ON HANDLING OF CBM'S WILL HAVE TO BE TAKEN. PRENDERGAST UNQUOTE ROGERS

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